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In re application of )  
Robert Rascon )  
Application No.: 10/668,712 ) Examiner: Safavi, Michael  
Filed: 09/23/2003 ) Art Unit: 3673  
For: RETENTION APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
FOR STABILIZING CONCRETE FORMS )  
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San Jose, CA 95150  
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Response to Office Action

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Sir:

In response to Office Action mailed 09/29/2004, it is respectfully requested that applicant be granted a three (3) month extension and the \$510.00 fee therefor be charged to Deposit Account 12-0765 held in the name of the undersigned.

Please amend the application as indicated in the following:

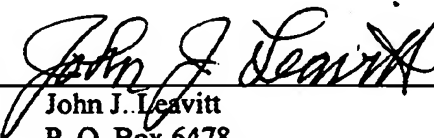
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concrete form in solid, vertical orientation, resisting collapse in two directions." (Underlining added for emphasis.) Clearly, the cooperative relationship of applicant's parallel laterally spaced stakes that abut the outer surface of the form boards and to which the opposite ends of the transversely extending flat plate are detachably secured is significantly different structurally and functionally from the cooperative relationship of the Peden channeled plate 12 that directly engages the upper extremities of the form boards and retains them against spreading and the angled outer strut members that engage the plate on opposite sides thereof and function merely to prevent the form from tipping from a vertical orientation. However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of the application to formal allowance of the rejected claims, applicant has amended these claims to more specifically differentiate patentably from the Peden reference patent. Accordingly, the claims are believed to clearly distinguish over the references, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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